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November/December, 2013 – Unexpected Moments of Discernment

In nearly 20 years as a UFO researcher and over 15 years as a [hypnotherapist](#), I've seen and heard a fair amount of interesting stuff. Some of it makes a lot of sense, while some of it is (at least to me) pure nonsense. I have seen claims taken at face value and many corresponding belief systems manifest in peoples' minds - sometimes uncritically. Most of all, I've seen the need to keep our critical thinking hat on. Especially, there are times when we need to question everything we are supposedly taught - key critical moments of discernment.

One example of a moment where a lot of discernment was in order, I discussed in [a posting within my blog, The Cosmic Bridge](#). While at a civic health fair, presenting information on hypnosis, a woman confronted me, telling me that my hypnosis work was evil - against her Christian faith. Unfortunately, she skittered off before I could ask her more about what she had said. I can only surmise that her beliefs about hypnosis were heavily influenced by some religious fundamentalist preacher, and she had uncritically accepted those claims.

Then, a few days later, I had a different view of discernment. At the Paradigm symposium in Saint Paul in mid-October, I heard an arch-skeptic speak. The Paradigm symposium had speakers on many fascinating topics from (very) ancient archaeology to the paranormal, to UFOs, etc. - and this time, the conference organizer decided that having a skeptic (more like an arch-debunker) speak would make things even more interesting. The organizer was right.

The skeptic was a professor of genetics and biology. He gave a coherent, well-reasoned and thoroughly thought out talk. He presented an argument about how most of the material we had examined in the symposium the previous few days was untrue. To state it (overly) simply, aliens were not involved in any of our ancient constructions. Alien abduction does not exist. UFOs cannot be extraterrestrial, and are undoubtedly simply misidentified prosaic phenomena. Interstellar travel is impossible due to the laws of physics (as we currently understand them). There was no alien intervention in human evolution. I think you get the picture.

During the post-talk, I challenged him on some of his claims about alien abduction. And at one point, I think I backed him into a corner. He claimed that there was no evidence - a statement of absolute negative. I asked him to prove that. How did he know that there was NO evidence? He immediately assumed that I meant there was something hidden within some government coverup (maybe there is,



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or maybe not) and then said something else very interesting. When he hears about such conspiracy theories, he "loses interest." Does losing interest mean that something is invalid, or does it simply mean he is no longer interested in it (for reasons other than scientific). I leave that question to the reader...

But the biggest lesson in his talk was not whether or not alien abduction exists, how the pyramids were built, or any other such specific question. To me, the real question is how we decide what to believe - and conversely, what to reject as false. In this case, the speaker's claims amounted to a belief that our present body of knowledge is sufficiently advanced to "know" certain phenomena cannot (and therefore do not) occur. It is a belief at least as unsubstantiated by evidence as that which it opposes. In my view, there is no more evidence that there are no aliens present on Earth (and could not be any), than there is of present-day alien contact.

Switching gears - a few days later, I got into a discussion on line about toxic contrails. The person on the other end of the dialog was totally sold on the idea that some conspiratorial organization is spraying toxic chemicals all over the globe. As we chatted on line, his ideas became increasingly far-fetched and vitriolic. His words indicated he was increasingly certain, increasingly dug in to his position.

I asked the person for details of his chemtrail observation. Instead of any kind of objective description of the circumstances, aircraft, weather, etc., I got a lecture on how "they" are doing this to control the population, geoengineering in the face of global warming, etc. The person had an elaborate scenario built up involving secret government agencies, the New World Order, etc.

He noted how, following spraying the clouds thickened, the weather turned rainy, etc. But what was he actually describing? Perhaps he was describing an ordinary contrail left behind by a commercial jet flying through a region of supercritical air ahead of a cold front. In such weather conditions, contrails frequently persist, mixing with cirrus clouds as they thicken ahead of the approaching weather front.

I have heard many people say that the difference between normal contrails and so-called chemtrails is that the latter will persist in the atmosphere, while the former will disperse almost

immediately. So, returning to the scenario of the approaching cold front, the presence of cirrus clouds high in the atmosphere would thus indicate this persistence condition was present.

Rather than a chemical spraying plot, could he have been observing a cold front, with the clouds thickening as a result? While yes, there were persistent contrails, might they be the result of an approaching weather system, rather than of a sinister New-World-Order conspiracy?

For me, it was an interesting switch of roles. Now I was the skeptic and the other person was the believer. Yet it did a lot to broaden my own perspective. My own skeptical view of chemtrail claims leads me to better understand the point of view of skeptics on UFOs and alien abduction. Yet in all cases, we need to be mindful of just what the evidence says, and doesn't say, about what does and does not exist.

To be fair, I can't actually say that there are NO chemtrail conspiracies. One can't prove a negative. Furthermore, not being privy to meteorological or geoengineering inner circles, I don't actually know much about the details behind the controversy. I can only challenge the reporter to be aware of the weather conditions, consider all possible explanations, etc.

I can only suggest that taking a persistent vapor trails typical lead edge of a cold front to be evidence of a massive geoengineering campaign is the equivalent of seeing the planet Venus (a bright star) in the evening sky and concluding that the alien mother ship is about to land. It is a massive-scale jumping-to-conclusions based upon an already formed belief. It is a lack of discernment - not unlike the skeptic at the Paradigm Symposium who announced that aliens would not look anything like us (i.e. having two arms and two legs) and that there was no (valid) evidence for UFOs. It is little different than the woman who stated that as a hypnotist, I was perpetrating evil in the world.

Runaway belief (both positive and negative) reminds us of the need for discernment when working with metaphysical topics, anomaly investigations, etc. For both the skeptic and the believer, events sometimes bring us a teachable moment. They teach those of us in the anomaly community to be ever mindful of the BS lurking just around the corner. What we thought we knew is sometimes wrong. These are the unexpected moments of discernment that keep us on our toes.

Peru's Government UFO Agency Officially Reactivated After Increase In Sightings

By Lee Speigel, 10/25/2013

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/10/25/ufo-investigation-peru-air-force_n_4158181.html?utm_hp_ref=ufo

Peru's official UFO investigation department is now back in business, and its government is soliciting information from the public after an increase of sightings.

The Peruvian Office of Anomalous Aerial Phenomena Research (OIFAA) -- which was shut down for the last five years -- will seek the expertise of air force personnel, sociologists, archaeologists and astronomers to analyze as much information as possible about UFOs, OpenMinds.tv reports. <http://www.openminds.tv/antonio-huneus-peruvian-air-force-ufo-department-october-22-2013/>

For those "who observe seemingly unconventional phenomena, which cause surprise or concern, know that there is an institution that will study and research your information," said Peru air force Col. Julio Jose Vucetich Abanto, who is in charge of the Directorate of Aerospace Interests.

The OIFAA was originally set up in 2001, but closed after seven years because of administrative issues. But other South American countries -- including Chile, Brazil and Argentina -- have ongoing UFO investigative agencies.

Vucetich told the press over the weekend that the Peruvian UFO agency is coming back to life due to "increased sightings that are occurring in the country and that people are reporting to media."

Media reports indicate that citizens of the central Andes town of Marabamba have been spotting luminous objects in the sky for several days.

Watch this UFO video taken at Marabamba, Peru, on March 23, 2013: http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=SoQFeMRUqGU

South America has an open-minded attitude about UFOs. Government officials don't tend to shy away from, downplay or even ridicule reports that come from local citizens.

From a historical perspective, other countries have taken the opposite public stance on UFOs.

In 1969, after more than 20 years investigating over 12,000 UFO sightings, the U.S. Air Force ended its study, known as Project Blue Book, claiming that no evidence ever presented "technological developments or principles beyond the range of modern scientific knowledge."

Since then, former American military personnel have come forward strongly suggesting how some UFOs represent an advanced form of technology. In fact, ex-Air Force Col. Charles Halt even accused the federal government of covering up UFOs and continuing its investigation into the phenomenon via a secret agency, unknown to the public.

Across the pond, the British Ministry of Defense deliberately ridiculed UFOs during its own 50-year investigation.

The British government reportedly established an internal policy which downplayed UFO reports and the people who reported them. A former U.K. MOD officer, Nick Pope, told The Huffington Post exclusively in 2011 that he was part of a behind-the-scenes strategy, known as "spin and dirty tricks."

"We couldn't say, 'There's something in our air space; pilots see them; they're tracked on radar; sometimes we scramble jets to chase these things, but we can't catch them.' This would be an admission that we'd lost control of our own air space, and such a position would be untenable. We were telling the public we're not interested, this is all nonsense, but in reality, we were desperately chasing our tails and following this up in great detail."

It's quite a contrast to Peru and other countries that welcome UFO reports with open arms.

**At peace in obscurity
By Billy Cox, Herald-Tribune
October 17, 2013**

<http://devoid.blogs.heraldtribune.com/14168/at-peace-in-obscurity/>

So how will the groundbreaking research of biophysicist William Levengood ultimately be regarded? For colleague Nancy Talbot, writing an obituary tribute on the controversial crop-circle investigator who died in September at 88, Levengood will go down as a visionary when science decides to catch up. "His work has laid a foundation upon which future scientific efforts will build," she wrote, "and he will be remembered by many other

people with whom he worked on additional not-yet-understood 'anomalous' phenomena."

But Levengood's passing went largely unnoticed otherwise, with barely a shrug from the UFO crowd. His death now leaves Talbot as the sole survivor of the BLT Research Team, which began making news in the Nineties for documenting truly remarkable biological abnormalities that appear to be percolating inside some crop circles. John Burke, the "B" in the BLT acronym, died in 2010. Today, Talbot carries on from Cambridge, Mass., despite that fact that her resources "have dwindled to almost nothing."

Levengood's critics actually wrote his obituary a decade or so ago during a heated row over his academic credentials — did he or did he not falsely claim he had a doctorate? But the sideshow couldn't alter some inconvenient facts, chief among them that dozens of his unrelated botanical research papers had been accepted and published in mainstream peer-reviewed science journals. It's unlikely Levengood's CV would've incurred any scrutiny at all had he not immersed himself in cereology, a discipline so new, the word is a 21st century addition to the Oxford Dictionary. Undaunted by hoaxers confessing to creating wheat-field patterns with boards and ropes in 1991, BLT plunged headlong into the wrangle and subjected the grains to systematic inquiry. The team would eventually collect affected and controlled samples from 17 countries, from Australia to Scandinavia. And the data they compiled was solid enough for publication in the *Journal of Scientific Exploration*, and twice in *Physiologia Plantarum*.

Combing through fields with and without the ornate geometric patterns, BLT discovered the targeted areas had been subjected to intense heat, of the electromagnetic variety. Plant-stem joints directly below the seed heads revealed the sort of drastic elongation and bending that could not be induced by mechanical flattening; samples collected at the circle centers tended to be the most egregiously affected. Sometimes the microwave temps were so high, moisture inside the stalks turned to steam which escaped by blowing holes through the nodes.

Levengood and Burke managed to replicate this activity in the lab by bombarding plants beneath an "ion avalanche" of energy that generated complex plasmas. Without her knowledge, Talbot tells De Void, they patented the process under the

trademarked name Stressguard. "Levengood and Burke both knew that if I found out they were trying to patent it, I would've been upset," she says. "I would've given it to the world and made it available to farmers for free."

That's because, according to the data, seeds from exposed corn, carrots and other vegetables exhibited accelerated growth rates, up to five times faster than normal. The faster growth rates also disrupted pest-infestation cycles, and produced higher yields. Which makes you wonder why Monsanto hasn't glommed onto this thing. Hmm.

Anyway, analysis of surrounding soil augmented the crop-circle data in unanticipated ways. Clay minerals scanned through X-ray diffraction revealed crystalline structures previously undocumented in surface soil. The atomic architecture was more consistent with crystallinity created by centuries of heat and pressure from layers of sedimentary rock, at temperature levels you'd expect to incinerate the plants. "Obviously, I'd love to get more data," says Talbot. "But XRD costs thousands and thousands of dollars, and that's just money I don't have."

Bottom line: These findings have been out there in the refereed literature for well over a decade and, to the best of De Void's knowledge, they've yet to be formally challenged. "Debunkers, of course, have responded negatively, but nobody has refuted the data," Talbot says. "Mostly what they do is ignore it. It's never brought up, it's never discussed."

Well, after all, research is expensive. On the other hand, jeez, you'd think, if we can spend \$159 million on a single F-35 jet fighter ...

Message from Jan Harzan
MUFON Int. Dir.: What's Your Story?
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This message is going out to everyone in the MUFON FI Organization including State Director's, ASDs, SSDs, CIs, and FIs.

First of all I would like to thank all of you who were able to attend the 2013 MUFON Symposium. Thank you for supporting this important event. For those unable to attend, we had one of the most successful MUFON Symposiums ever with over 700 in attendance including vendors, artists, speakers, staff, media, and attendees. The importance of the

MUFON Symposium cannot be understated, it is the one time during the year when we can all get together and meet face to face and share our experiences from the year just past. It is always a very special time for me personally as I get to reconnect with many of you whom I don't see face to face during the year. I would encourage everyone to attend the 2014 MUFON Symposium in Philadelphia (Cherry Hill, NJ). It is shaping up to be another great event scheduled for July 17-20, 2014 at the newly remodeled Crowne Plaza Cherry Hill.

On an equally important note, I am honored to have been elected by the MUFON Board to lead MUFON as the new Executive Director beginning August 1, 2013. I want to thank Dave MacDonald for the outstanding job he has done at the helm of MUFON over the past two years. Through Dave's leadership we have put MUFON on solid financial footing and expanded our horizons to Europe and beyond. I will be looking for Dave to play an important role in MUFON going forward both as a board member and as a member of the newly formed Advisory Committee which is being put in place to advise the Executive Director and help keep MUFON on a steady course. The Advisory Committee initially will be comprised of three former Executive Director's including John Schuessler, Clifford Clift and David MacDonald.

There is a reason each of us is involved in MUFON and we all have our own story to tell. My story starts at about age 8-10 when I and my brother developed a keen interest in UFOs. It was the early 60's and UFOs were constantly being splashed across the headlines of the Herald Examiner and LA Times where I was growing up, as well as on the nightly news. It was hard not to take notice. Without going into great detail, it was around this time that we had a daylight close encounter with a craft about the size of a mini-van with landing gear hovering 10 feet off the ground approximately 30' from us with no visible means of propulsion other than a humming noise much like a high voltage transformer. It was then that I realized not only were all the stories true that people were telling about seeing these craft, but that these craft were displaying extraordinary technology that if harnessed could greatly propel mankind into an incredible new world from where we are today.

It was this realization that drove me to attend UCLA Engineering School and get a degree in Nuclear Engineering in an attempt to figure out how these craft worked. I quickly came to the

realization that what was being taught in college classrooms across America was not going to get us there, and that only deep research pockets could possibly find the answer. So after graduation I went to work for IBM which spends \$6 Billion a year on basic research which I felt if channeled correctly might find the answers I was seeking. Two Senior VP's of Research later it was apparent to me that our biggest inhibitor to solving the UFO enigma is not the phenomena itself, but our own belief systems (or paradigms), as I was assured by both these gentlemen that if there was anything to the UFO Phenomenon that their scientists would have discovered it....so much for open minds. :)) Thirty-six and a half years later I am now retired from IBM and working for MUFON full time still seeking the answers to the important questions we all seek.

As for how I became associated with MUFON, it was in the late 80's that I became aware of the MUFON organization in my state and began attending monthly meetings an hour and a half from my home. When a MUFON group formed in Orange County where I live, I quickly offered to help participate as the director of investigations and was delighted when I was given this opportunity. This quickly led to my becoming the SSD for Orange County CA, and some while later, Assistant State Director for California. It was about this time that I responded to an email from Walt Andrus seeking nominations for the 2001 MUFON Symposium location which MUFON Orange County was awarded in 1999. Before the 2001 Symposium occurred there was a change of International Directors from Walt Andrus to John Schuessler and this afforded me the opportunity to work closely with John running the 2001 Symposium. Based on the success of the 2001 MUFON Symposium it was shortly after this that John asked if I would join the MUFON Business Board where I have served for the past 12 years. I have had the privilege to be involved in the development of the MUFON Mission and Goals, as well as the development and rollout of CMS I and CMS II. My personal and professional agenda is quite simple; "The Scientific Study of UFO's for the Benefit of Humanity". That in a nutshell is my story and I would be happy to share it with you in more detail if you have an interest.

Now, I would like to hear your story. What first got you interested in the UFO phenomenon? How did you first come to know about MUFON as an organization? What do you hope to accomplish by being involved? What is your view on the phenomenon and what it represents? And, have you

had any personal experiences with the phenomena? Also, since you represent the first line of MUFON to the public what successes are you having in your current position, and what challenges are you experiencing? What would you like to see MUFON Headquarters do to make your job easier in striving to achieve MUFON's mission and goals? Feel free to reply to this email and send me your thoughts and input. Don't worry about having the perfect answer. I see this as an opportunity to open up a long running dialogue.

Thank you in advance for all your support and your feedback. Together we WILL make MUFON stronger and more influential than ever before.

All good wishes,
Jan C. Harzan
Executive Director
MUFON, Inc.

UFOexperiences TERRIFIED TRUCKERS - ON THE (UFO) ROAD AGAIN

Monday, July 16, 2007

<http://ufoexperiences.blogspot.com/2007/07/22-terrified-truckers-on-ufo-road-again.html>

THE BAIRS

At this special meeting there was a couple who made headlines in Minnesota. They were truck drivers from Yakima, Washington. In 1984 they were driving their truck between Montana and Minnesota when they encountered many unusual events.

In a newspaper article titled "Trembling Truckers Tell Terrifying Tale," out of the Sauk Centre, Minnesota newspaper, dated October 11, 1984 the Bair's terrifying encounter was described as follows.

They were completely unnerved, the thin man named "Killer" and his wife, sitting in the coffee shop sipping coffee and continuously smoking cigarettes.

I'm scared to leave, "Robert (Bob) Bair said, and the look in his eyes left no doubt in your mind that he was, indeed frightened. He was not only frightened, he was terrified, continuously looking and motioning out the window.

He was terrified, his wife, Jackie, was terrified. They had been experiencing unexplainable phenomena for three days, 900 miles, across three states, and when they stopped in Sauk Centre, Minnesota and begged for help hardly anyone believed them.

Bob and Jackie started out from Seattle, Washington three days before on a routine trip hauling liquid cooking oil to Madison, Wisconsin in a run they make regularly, weekly.

Things went smooth. They were enjoying the trip, and the shiny three-week old paint job on their semi-trailer boosted their morale. Then they got into Montana.

A couple miles ahead they spotted lights. "We thought it was a plane," Bob said. The story of their bizarre experiences poured out of them, hands shaking as they drew sketches of creatures, and interrupting each to agree or expand on a point.

It was just turning daybreak when they came into Montana, they said. "It was out there with the stars. They made people think they were stars. Another man at a rest stop in Montana also saw the lights - nine little ships and one big ship," Bob reported, "moving up and down, back and forth in a lurching motion."

The Bairs continued on their trip, but the ships or creatures followed them in their semi. The individual things were described as shaped like about eight inch people with V-shaped heads, wings on their backs. When the things got hostile with the truck and the drivers they shot fine needle-like shavings like silver metal through the glass of the windshield. "They were shaped like a pre-historic bird," he said.

"It just ruined the truck," Jackie said, pointing out paint chips and nicks in the new paint job. "Every time I touched them I got blisters on my fingers and it turned into a V." Bob showed one on his wrist. In the dark their fingertips glowed from the unknown substance they had touched.

"We might be dying right now!" Bob said. "We don't know what it is. We have to get to a doctor."

The creatures were hostile, and went into attack modes several times, putting up dense fogs. One time when they stopped, "It was like a backwards tornado" coming from the mouth of the leader of the ships. "It was like a ray that he was sending

down with the funnel. He did it five times, then we left."

"We didn't think it would harm us any, not at that point anyway."

They drove on for seven miles, stopping two, three, four times, getting out of the truck and holding on to the top to look at the lights in the sky.

Then they experienced "little black things, thousands of them coming out of the sky, squiggly things, all around us," Jackie described. They both experienced it.

Then back in the truck and moving, the lights kept up with them, even at 65 or 70 miles an hour.

Then, things that looked "like Vitamin E Capsules" began forming on the passenger side windshield, as they moved. "They formed all around the window, the whole inside of the frame was covered with them. At first they were real little." They got bigger, there were big black ones the size of baseballs, whatever their size or color they all had a crystal-like thing inside them.

Then there were different colored things, yellow, lavender and green. Then they got bigger in size.

"It would seem like, we were hitting them, but when we hit nothing was there, like bubbles," Jackie said, having difficulty describing something that was unimaginable to her. "When they hit the ground there was a spot the same color on the ground or on the tree," she said.

"There was one about this big," Bob said, spreading his arms. He was driving about 70 miles an hour at this point, and then there was another and a third, what they termed "spaceships." The third one they hit, a cloud burst off, and something shaped like a big peanut fell along side the highway, about 15 inches thick and hourglass shaped.

"It hit the ground and it was a dirty yellow," she added.

At one point the things shot a piece of metal "clean through the window and the sleeper and my jacket," she said, shaking her head, and looking out the window.

Jackie and Bob were trying desperately to get someone to see what they had seen. When they

stopped the "birds" or spaceships stopped, flocked and waited for them to start traveling again.

"We don't know why they are following us. Maybe one of them got on the tank or in the truck somehow," they said. "Maybe they are trying to get it back."

They had called the UFO Center in Seattle from Montana and had an appointment to meet an agent in Madison, Wisconsin after delivery of their cargo. They were afraid to go further than Sauk Centre, because when they stopped at Getty Truck Stop to fuel up, the ships had tried another attack and had landed in the trees across the highway.

"We're not leaving town until somebody helps us." Jackie said pleadingly. "We called our boss and he said get a motel and keep the truck running."

They spent the night at the Travel Host Motel. The motel manager reported they had not seemed distraught, or reported anything unusual to him.

Jackie called this reporter at home Monday night and said unusual things were happening in the motel room with forming of metal fillings on the bedspreads, and formation of the same Vitamin E like things in the shower, which would blister her leg when they dropped. Now the blisters formed not only a V, but a T, C and L, she said.

She was very frightened. "When we moved the truck over here hundreds of "birds" followed us. We knew they would come."

Because no one else could see or reported seeing the things, she analyzed, "I am damn sure they turn invisible."

The police and Highway Patrol were in contact with the couple. None of the officials could see the objects Bairs claimed to be in the trees or on the lightposts waiting for them.

"They were very scared people," Police Chief Trierweller agreed. "But I did not see what they saw."

Trierweller said he talked to the couple's boss in Yakima, Washington. Bob had worked for him for 18 years, and were the best drivers he had. The truck they were driving is owned by S.D.T., Inc. in Yakima.

S.D.T. sent a relief driver to Sauk Centre to meet the Bairs Tuesday morning. They left town about 1 p.m. with Jackie driving a rental car, and Bob riding with the new driver.

One or two people believed their stories, nobody could explain them. At least one witness saw the semi and rental car leave town Tuesday, but saw nothing unusual like fogs, formations or shapes following them.

Skeptics had their own theories. Many people agreed that they believe things can happen that cannot be explained in terms that people understand. Many people believe there could be creatures, space ships, and unexplained happenings as described by the Bairs. Whatever people believe, the true story, a logical explanation, will probably never be found.

It will become another folder in the federal UFO investigation files, unsolved."

UFO Fleets of WWII Amazing New Footage Revealed, December 2, 2012 **[Before It's News](#)**

The term foo fighter was used by Allied aircraft pilots in World War II to describe various UFOs or mysterious aerial phenomena seen in the skies over both the European and Pacific Theater of Operations.

Though "foo fighter" initially described a type of UFO reported and named by the U.S. 415th Night Fighter Squadron, the term was also commonly used to mean any UFO sighting from that period.

Formally reported from November 1944 onwards, witnesses often assumed that the foo fighters were secret weapons employed by the enemy, but they remained unidentified post-war and were reported by both Allied and Axis forces. Michael D. Swords[writes: During WWII, the foo fighter experiences of [Allied] pilots were taken very seriously. Accounts of these cases were presented to heavyweight scientists, such as David Griggs, Luis Alvarez and H.P. Robertson. The phenomenon was never explained. Most of the information about the issue has never been released by military intelligence.

Video by [danielofdoriaa](#):

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jlEo2YDmr3U&feature=g-all>

The first sightings occurred in November 1944, when pilots flying over Germany by night reported seeing fast-moving round glowing objects following their aircraft. The objects were variously described as fiery, and glowing red, white, or orange. Some pilots described them as resembling Christmas tree lights and reported that they seemed to toy with the aircraft, making wild turns before simply vanishing. Pilots and aircrew reported that the objects flew formation with their aircraft and behaved as if under intelligent control, but never displayed hostile behavior.

However, they could not be outmaneuvered or shot down. The phenomenon was so widespread that the lights earned a name – in the European Theater of Operations they were often called "kraut fireballs" but for the most part called "foo-fighters". The military took the sightings seriously, suspecting that the mysterious sightings might be secret German weapons, but further investigation revealed that German and Japanese pilots had reported similar sightings.



In its 15 January 1945 edition Time magazine carried a story entitled "Foo-Fighter", in which it reported that the "balls of fire" had been following USAAF night fighters for over a month, and that the pilots had named it the "foo-fighter". According to Time, descriptions of the phenomena varied, but the pilots agreed that the mysterious lights followed their aircraft closely at high speed. Some scientists at the time rationalized the sightings as an illusion probably caused by afterimages of dazzle caused by flak bursts, while others suggested St. Elmo's Fire as an explanation.

The "balls of fire" phenomenon reported from the Pacific Theater of Operations differed somewhat from the foo fighters reported from Europe; the "ball of fire" resembled a large burning sphere

which “just hung in the sky”, though it was reported to sometimes follow aircraft. On one occasion, the gunner of a B-29 aircraft managed to hit one with gunfire, causing it to break up into several large pieces which fell on buildings below and set them on fire. As with the European foo fighters, no aircraft was reported as having been attacked by a “ball of fire”

The postwar Robertson Panel cited foo fighter reports, noting that their behavior did not appear to be threatening, and mentioned possible explanations, for instance that they were electrostatic phenomena similar to St. Elmo’s fire, electromagnetic phenomena, or simply reflections of light from ice crystals. The Panel’s report suggested that “If the term “flying saucers” had been popular in 1943-1945, these objects would have been so labeled.”

Sightings

Foo fighters were reported on many occasions from around the world; a few examples are noted below. Sighting from September 1941 in the Indian Ocean was similar to some later Foo Fighter reports. From the deck of the S.S. Pulaski (a Polish merchant vessel transporting British troops), two sailors reported a “strange globe glowing with greenish light, about half the size of the full moon as it appears to us.” They alerted a British officer, who watched the object’s movements with them for over an hour.

Charles R. Bastien of the Eighth Air Force reported one of the first encounters with foo fighters over the Belgium/Holland area; he described them as “two fog lights flying at high rates of speed that could change direction rapidly”. During debriefing, his intelligence officer told him that two RAF night fighters had reported the same thing, and it was later reported in British newspapers.

Career U.S. Air Force pilot Duane Adams often related that he had witnessed two occurrences of a bright light which paced his aircraft for about half an hour and then rapidly ascended into the sky. Both incidents occurred at night, both over the South Pacific, and both were witnessed by the entire aircraft crew. The first sighting occurred shortly after the end of World War II while Adams piloted a B-25 bomber. The second sighting occurred in the early 1960s when Adams was piloting a KC-135 tanker.

Explanations and theories

Author Renato Vesco revived the wartime theory that the foo fighters were a new Nazi secret weapon in his work ‘Intercept UFO’, reprinted in a revised English edition as ‘Man-Made UFOs: 50 Years Of Suppression’ in 1994. Vesco alleges that the foo fighters were in fact a form of ground-launched automatically guided jet-propelled flak mine called the Feuerball (Fireball). The device, operated by special SS units, apparently resembled a tortoise shell in shape, and flew by means of gas jets that spun like a Catherine wheel around the fuselage. Miniature klystron tubes inside the device, in combination with the gas jets, created the foo fighters’ characteristic glowing spheroid appearance. A crude form of collision avoidance radar ensured the craft would not crash into another airborne object, and an onboard sensor mechanism would even instruct the machine to depart swiftly if it was fired upon.

The purpose of the Feuerball, according to Vesco, was two-fold. The appearance of this weird device inside a bomber stream would (and indeed did) have a distracting and disruptive effect on the bomber pilots; and Vesco alleges that the devices were also intended to have an offensive capability. Electrostatic discharges from the klystron tubes would, he states, interfere with the ignition systems of the bombers’ engines, causing the planes to crash. Although there is no hard evidence to support the reality of the Feuerball drone, this theory has been taken up by other aviation/ufology authors, and has even been cited as the most likely explanation for the phenomena in at least one recent television documentary on Nazi secret weapons.

A type of electrical discharge from airplanes’ wings (see St. Elmo’s Fire) has been suggested as an explanation, since it has been known to appear at the wingtips of aircraft.

It has been pointed out that some of the descriptions of foo fighters closely resemble those of ball lightning.

During April 1945, the US Navy began to experiment on visual illusions as experienced by night time aviators. This work began the US Navy’s Bureau of Medicine (BUMED) project X-148-AV-4-3. This project pioneered the study of aviators’ vertigo and was initiated because a wide variety of anomalous events were being reported by night time aviators. Dr. Edgar Vinacke, who was the

premier flight psychologist on this project, summarized the need for a cohesive and systemic outline of the epidemiology of aviator's vertigo as, "Pilots do not have sufficient information about phenomena of disorientation, and, as a corollary, are given considerable disorganized, incomplete, and inaccurate information. They are largely dependent upon their own experience, which must supplement and interpret the traditions about 'vertigo' which are passed on to them. When a concept thus grows out of anecdotes cemented together with practical necessity, it is bound to acquire elements of mystery. So far as 'vertigo' is concerned, no one really knows more than a small part of the facts, but a great deal of the peril. Since aviators are not skilled observers of human behavior, they usually have only the vaguest understanding of their own feelings. Like other naive persons, therefore, they have simply adopted a term to cover a multitude of otherwise inexplicable events."

Once we have investigated these matters and satisfied ourselves that the Allies' message is not only plausible but compelling, what then? Our considerations will inevitably lead to the inescapable conclusion that our predicament today has profound parallels to the incursion of European "civilization" into the Americas beginning in the 15th century, when indigenous peoples were unable to comprehend and adequately respond to the complexity and danger of the forces visiting their shores.

If we choose to investigate and understand, here is what we will find according to the [Book Allies of Humanity](#): A thorough review of recent decades of worldwide research into UFO activity and other apparently extraterrestrial phenomena (e.g., alien abduction and implants, animal mutilations, and even psychological "possession") yields ample evidence for the Allies' perspective; indeed, the information contained in the Allies' discourses stunningly clarifies issues that have puzzled researchers for years, accounting for much mysterious but persistent evidence.

The "visitors" came in the name of God, exhibiting impressive technology, and purporting to offer a more advanced and more civilized way of life. (It is important to note that the European invaders were not "evil incarnate" but merely opportunistic, leaving in their wake a legacy of unintended devastation.)

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Minnesota UFO Reports

Occurred : 9/22/2013 02:00

Location: Sandstone, MN

Shape: Light

Duration: 45 minutes

Greenish white light metallic object swaying in sky.

At 2:00AM on 9/22/2013 I stepped outside my front door facing Southwest and sat on my steps to have a cigarette. After I lit my cigarette and put my lighter down I looked up into the sky as I do every night. I noticed a large greenish white light out in the distance over the trees about 1/2 mile. This light object also appeared to have a metallic look to it as well as a greenish white glowing light. It swayed and hovered and pulsated while slowly moving in a circular motion after swaying. It continued to move higher in the sky over a range of ten minutes. I also noticed an airplane about 5 miles away with its blue lights heading toward the Duluth Airport at this time as I am looking at this strange object glowing greenish white and no sound. I go outside several times in the AM due to chronic pain and to have a smoke. I have never seen this light greenish white metallic glowing object before this night.

The sky was clear 100%. I am a stay at home mom, age 40, previous career in nursing.

Occurred : 10/8/2013 20:00
Location: St. Cloud, MN
Shape: Circle
Duration: 1 hour
Orange colored circle low in sky

Multi-colored circle low in sky. About 200 feet off the ground. Not moving and no sound. Used video camera to catch footage of a rotating circle shape with many colors. From a distance, it was orange. In the video it had 10 colors and the shape was spinning quickly clockwise.

After a hour, the object shot straight into the air.

We have been seeing this same shape come and go for the past month. It appears about once a week. Always in a different location, but within a mile of the last sighting. We have drove to where we think the location is, and there isn't anything there but farms. Nothing high enough in the air to make this light form. Continuing to do research on this daily.

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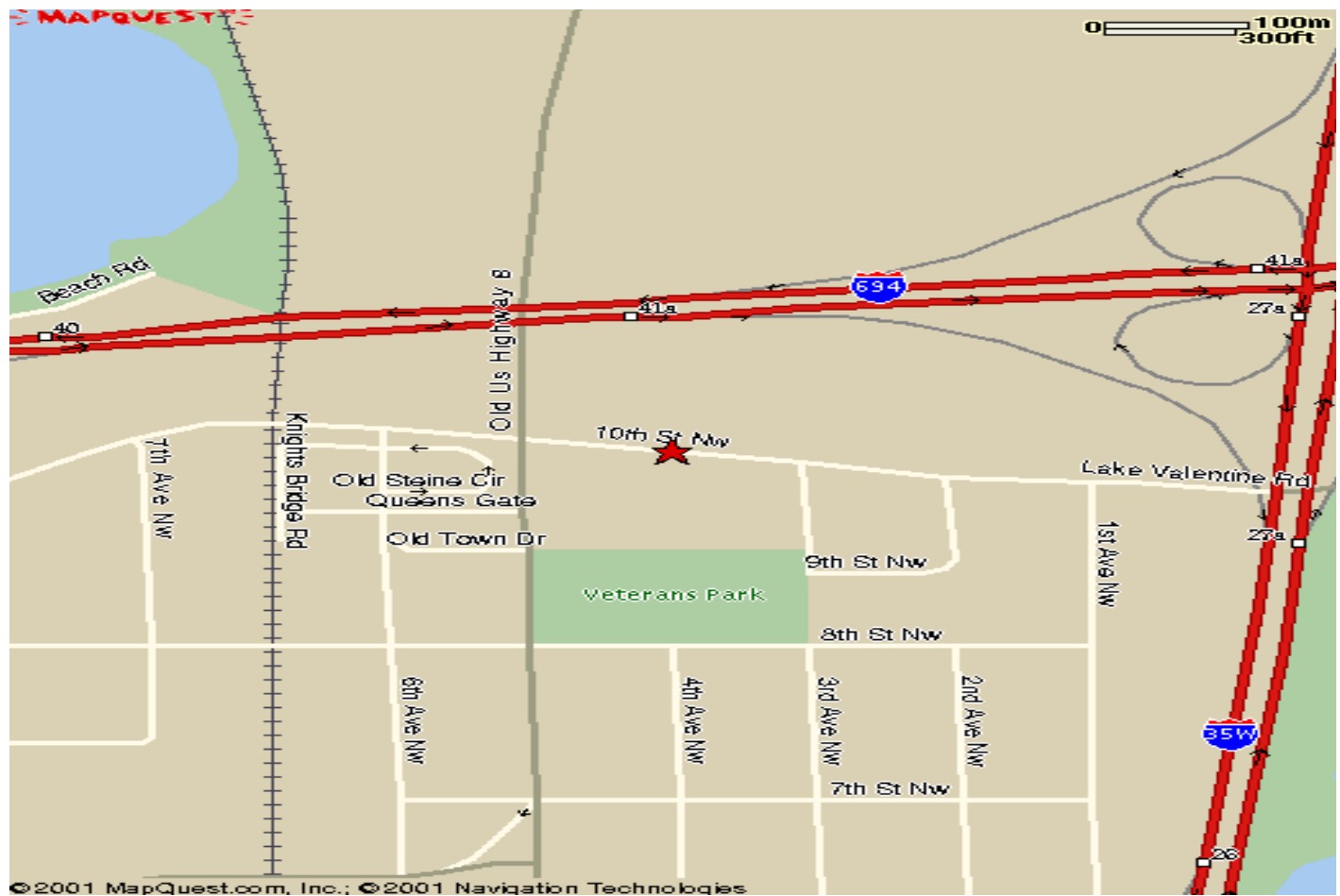
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